Orphanages in the Country

2989. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of orphanages in the country, State-wise and UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government do not provide any financial assistance to orphanages;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to review their policy towards orphanages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A statement showing the total number of orphanages in the country is enclosed. *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment had been giving grant-in-aid to NGOs for providing services to orphaned, destitute and neglected children through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Scheme for the Welfare of Children in need of Care and Protection" since 1974-75. In this scheme, voluntary organizations were assisted with an equal contribution of State Governments to offer services for such children. This ' scheme has been transferred to the State Government and UTs with effect from 1st April, 1992 as per the decision of the National Development Council.

(d) Presently there is no proposal to review the policy.

Statement

Total number of Orphanages in the Country

SI. No.	Name of the States	No. of Orphanages
1.	Andhra Pradesh	174
2.	Assam	24
3.	Bihar and Jharkhand	7
4.	Delhi	30
5.	Goa	11

SI. No	Name of the States	No. of Orphanages
6.	Gujarat	12
7.	Haryana	11
8.	Himachal Pradesh	16
9.	Jatnmu & Kashmir	31
10.	Karnataka	115
11.	Kerala	420
12.	Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	15
13.	Maharashtra	18
14.	Manipur	7
15.	Meghalaya	63
16.	Mizoram	13
17.	Nagaland	9
18.	Orissa	88
19.	Punjab	2
20.	Rajasthan	5
21.	Sikkim	5
22.	Tamil Nadu	176
23.	Tripura	22
24.	Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal	117
25.	West Bengal	92
26.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
27.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5
28.	Chandigarh	0
29.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
30.	Daman and Diu	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0
32.	Pondicherry	26
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Performance of NSFDC

2990. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the performance reports of the National Scheduled Castes Financial and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and Micro-Credit Scheme;